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Nova Scotia at a Glance 2005

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Government

Lieutenant Governor: Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Premier: Honourable John F. Hamm

Nova Scotia was one of the four original provinces to join Confederation in 1867.

At August 2005 the standings of the parties were:

Provincial Legislature	House of Commons	Canadian Senate
52 Seats	307 Seats	105 Seats
25 Progressive Conservative	11 Nova Scotia Members	10 Nova Scotia Senators
11 Liberal		
15 New Democrat		
1 Vacant		

Estimates - Province of Nova Scotia Budgetary Summary (April 26, 2005 $ Thousands)

	Actual 2003-04	Estimate 2004-05	Forecast 2004-05	Estimate 2005-06
Ordinary Revenue	**5,347,097**	**5,574,172**	**5,841,311**	**6,097,580**
Net Expenses				
Net Program Expenses	4,797,165	5,077,630	5,236,019	5,496,275
Pension Valuation Adjustment	(14,536)	(9,400)	26,133	24,379
Net Debt Servicing Costs	844,977	871,821	900,133	897,468
	5,627,606	**5,940,051**	**6,162,285**	**6,418,122**
	(280,509)	**(365,879)**	**(320,974)**	**(320,542)**
Consolidation and Accounting Adjustments for Governmental Units	**(18,980)**	**35,895**	**58,876**	**37,191**
Net Income (Losses) for Government Businesses Enterprises	**30,704**	**2,843**	**14,529**	**2,131**
Unusual Item				
Nova Scotia Resources Ltd.	8,734	–	–	–
Provincial Surplus (Deficit)	**42,587**	**12,131**	**87,516**	**63,283**

Demography

Population (July 1 Estimates)

	1986	1996	2001	2005
Nova Scotia	889,326	931,413	932,389	937,889

In 2005 the provincial population was 2.9% of the total Canadian population. The population density was 17.7 persons per square kilometre.

Population by Age and Sex (July 1, 2005 Estimate)

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	77,613	74,449	152,062
15-24	64,674	62,038	126,712
25-44	130,275	133,328	263,603
45-64	129,172	132,769	261,941
65+	57,529	76,042	133,571
Total	**459,263**	**478,626**	**937,889**

Vital Statistics

	1999	2004
Live Births	9,575	8,580
Deaths	7,640	8,413
Marriages	5,481	4,863
Divorces	1,954	1,985 (2003)

Population of Nova Scotia Counties (July 1 Estimates)

	1996	2001	2005
Annapolis	22,849	22,342	21,712
Antigonish	20,020	20,101	20,035
Cape Breton	120,567	112,157	110,024
Colchester	50,431	50,619	51,583
Cumberland	34,610	33,440	32,567
Digby	20,981	20,067	19,572
Guysborough	11,179	10,079	9,255
Halifax	351,675	369,085	380,844
Hants	40,435	41,622	42,168
Inverness	21,419	20,462	19,835
Kings	60,670	60,425	60,973
Lunenburg	48,669	48,865	48,769
Pictou	49,868	49,205	47,205
Queens	12,712	12,038	11,851
Richmond	11,281	10,490	9,875
Shelburne	17,404	16,661	16,172
Victoria	8,692	8,171	7,976
Yarmouth	27,951	27,560	27,473

Population of Regional Municipalities and Towns – 5,000+ (July 1 Estimates)

	1996	2001	2004
Halifax RGM	351,556	369,011	379,711
Cape Breton RGM	117,370	108,708	105,860
Queens RGM	12,680	12,008	11,710
Truro	12,224	11,762	11,654
New Glasgow	10,035	9,680	9,495
Amherst	9,903	9,712	9,583
Yarmouth	7,745	7,763	7,843
Bridgewater	7,527	7,825	7,972
Kentville	5,690	5,759	5,844
Stellarton	5,084	4,963	4,861

The Economy

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

	1996	2000	2004
Market Prices	19,512	24,658	29,879
Chained (1997) Dollars	19,529	22,970	25,271

Civil Labour Force and Employment

	1996	2004
Population 15+	724,700	756,900
Labour Force	429,300	484,300
Employed	375,700	441,600
Unemployed	53,600	42,700
Unemployment Rate	12.5%	8.8%
Participation Rate	59.2%	64.0%

Largest Employers by Employment Range

Public

5,000+
Government of Canada
Government of Nova Scotia
Capital District Health Authority

2,500-4,999
Canada Post Corporation
Cape Breton District Health Authority
Dalhousie University
Halifax Regional Municipality
Halifax Regional School Board

1,000-2,499
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
Annapolis Valley District Health Authority
Canadian Corps of Commissionaires
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board
Chignecto-Central Regional Health Board
Colchester East Hants District Health Authority
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
South Shore District Health Authority
South West Nova District Health Authority
South West Regional School Board
Strait Regional School Board

Private

5,000+
Sobey's Inc.

2,500-4,999
Atlantic Wholesalers
Aliant
Michelin North America (Canada) Inc.
Convergys (contact centre)

1,000-2,499
Bank of Nova Scotia
IMP Group Ltd
Nova Scotia Power Inc
Royal Bank of Canada
Trenton Works Ltd
EDS (contact centre)

Taxation

Nova Scotia offers a competitive tax structure for corporations. The 16% general rate is competitive with most other provinces. Nova Scotia's 15% fully refundable R&D credit is among the most generous in the country and the Small Business Corporate Tax rate is 5%. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency collects Nova Scotia's Income Tax so firms need only file a single return – at any Canada Revenue Agency office in the country. There is no payroll tax. The sales tax is harmonized with the Federal value-added tax, the goods and service tax, and therefore, offers input tax credits to suppliers of taxable sales.

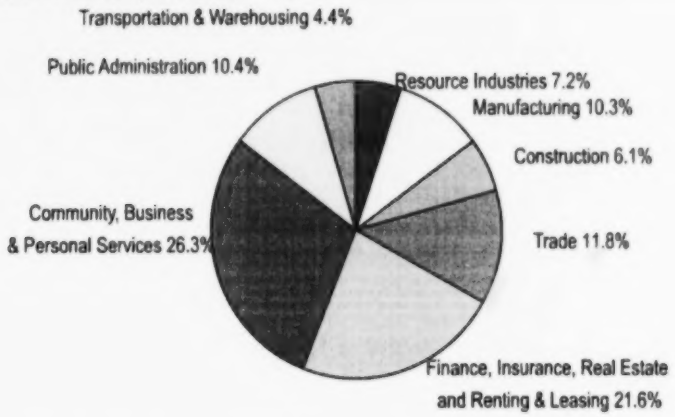
Consumer Price Index – All Items

	Index 1992=100		Annual % Change	
	1996	**2004**	**1996**	**2004**
Nova Scotia	105.6	126.1	1.7	1.8
Canada	105.9	124.6	1.6	1.9

Incomes

	1996	**Most Current**
Personal Income per Capita	$19,951	$27,092 (2004)
Average Family Income	41,809	50,400 (2003)
Average Income per Tax Filer	22,721	28,366 (2003)
Average Weekly Wage	533.00	611.93 (2004)
Minimum Wage effective October 1, 2005		$6.80/hr (experienced)
Minimum Wage effective April 1, 2006		$7.15/hr (experienced)

Gross Domestic Product by Industry – 2004



Gross Domestic Product by Industry ($ Millions Chained 1997)

	2000	2004
Goods Producing	4,980	5,407
Other Primary	608	690
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	581	417
Utilities	500	546
Manufacturing	2,130	2,356
Construction	1,161	1,398
Service Producing	15,803	17,617
Transportation & Warehousing	960	1,009
Trade	2,395	2,692
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate, & Renting & Leasing	4,366	4,946
Community, Business & Personal Services	5,338	6,027
Public Administration	2,244	2,380
Other Service	501	563
Total*	**20,860**	**22,902**

** Figures may not add due to rounding*

Employment by Industry ('000)

	2000	2004
Goods Producing	*89.9*	*93.0*
Agriculture	6.8	5.5
Other Primary	14.4	13.6
Utilities	2.8	2.5
Manufacturing	42.2	43.2
Construction	23.8	28.1
Service Producing	*321.2*	*348.6*
Transportation & Warehousing	20.0	21.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	73.6	73.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	22.2	22.7
Community, Business & Personal Services	179.4	202.9
Public Administration[1]	26.0	27.8
Total Employment	**411.1**	**441.6**

'Numbers do not total due to rounding
[1]Excludes defense

Number of Businesses and Employment by Sector (2002)

	No. of Businesses	Employment[1]
Mining and Oil & Gas Extraction	96	3,500
Other Primary Sectors	3,834	12,300
Manufacturing	1,867	44,300
Construction	3,484	17,600
Transportation, Warehousing, Comm. & Utilities	1,307	18,500
Wholesale Trade	1,893	15,700
Retail Trade	3,526	52,600
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	1,625	19,800
Community, Business & Personal Services	9,384	152,800
Public Administration	128	49,000
Other	4,059	15,500
Not Classified	886	2,500
All Business	**32,089**	**404,100**

[1] Average full-time, full-year equivalent employment

Goods Producing Sector

Agriculture

Number of Census Farms

	1991	1996	2001[1]
Number	3,980	4,453	3,923

[1] Excludes "Christmas tree only" farms

Farm Cash Receipts ($'000)

	2000	2004
Crops	114,041	112,967
Cattle & Calves	33,492	15,863
Hogs	34,067	31,198
Dairy Products	90,368	103,804
Poultry	56,630	64,683
Eggs	21,615	25,988
Forest & Maple Products	25,221	23,672
Other Livestock & Products	26,889	47,888
Payments	11,969	25,287
Total Cash Receipts	**414,292**	**451,350**

Fishery (excludes Aquaculture)

Fish Landings by Species – Quantity (Tonnes)

	2000	2004
Haddock	9,448	16,286
Other Groundfish	61,240	49,332
Pelagic & Estuarial	84,372	82,788
Scallops	78,193	73,313
Lobster	22,377	21,591
Other Shellfish	50,916	41,991
Miscellaneous	–	5
Total	**306,546**	**284,306**

Fishing Landings by Species – Value ($'000)

	2000	2004
Haddock	23,559	20,887
Other Groundfish	62,645	52,234
Pelagic & Estuarial	33,445	35,892
Scallops	106,495	99,892
Lobster	283,825	288,959
Other Shellfish	137,704	199,748
Miscellaneous		11
Total	**647,673**	**697,623**

Forestry

Forest Production by Round Product ('000m³)

		2000	2004
Provincial	Softwood	4,617	4,968
	Hardwood	328	484
	Total	**4,945**	**5,452**
Export	Softwood	1,028	1,030
	Hardwood	499	407
	Total	**1,527**	**1,437**
Total	Softwood	5,644	5,998
	Hardwood	827	891
	Total	**6,472**	**6,889**

Mining

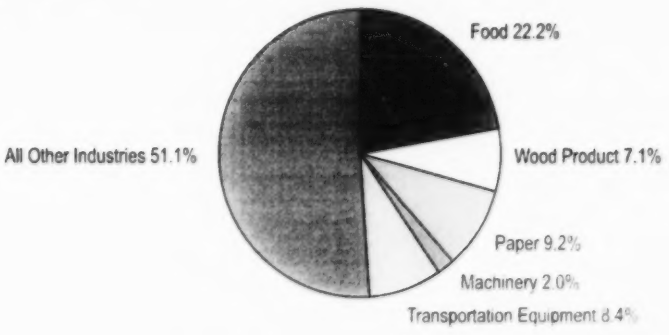
Mineral Production – by Value ($'000)

	2000	2004[1]
Gypsum	81,337	93,473
Stone	51,246	65,202
Other Non-metals	99,518	n/a
Fuels (coal)	63,148	n/a
Total All Minerals	**295,249**	**278,282**
Marketable Gas Receipts ('000 cubic metres)	**3,449,115**	**4,174,061**

[1]*Preliminary*
n/a - Not available

Manufacturing

Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group - 2004



Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group ($ Millions)

	2000	2004
Food	1,887	2,062
Wood Product	538	656
Paper	993	858
Machinery	118	181
Transportation Equipment	906	777
All Other Industries[1]	3,847	4,747
Total All Industries	**8,289**	**9,281**

[1]*Includes figures for industry data considered confidential or not listed above.*

Construction

Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

Expenditures	**2003(a)**	**2004(pa)**	**2005(ri)**
Construction	3,441.9	3,615.4	3,589.5
Machinery & Equipment	2,212.2	2,230.6	2,378.0
Total	**5,654.1**	**5,846.0**	**5,967.5**

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Housing Starts by Type (No. of Units)

	2000	2004
Single Detached	2,856	3,270
Semi-Detached & Duplex	266	266
Row	17	186
Apartment	1,293	995
Total	**4,432**	**4,717**

Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)

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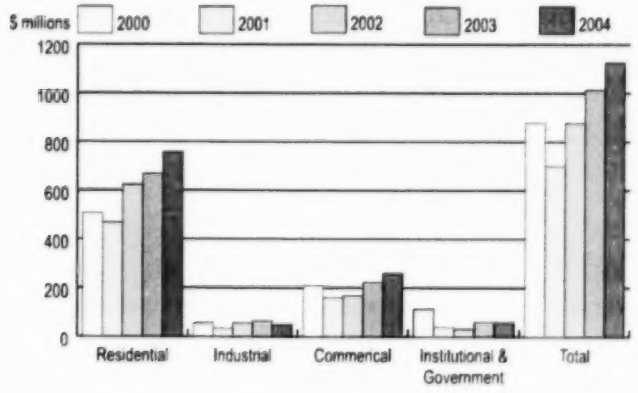
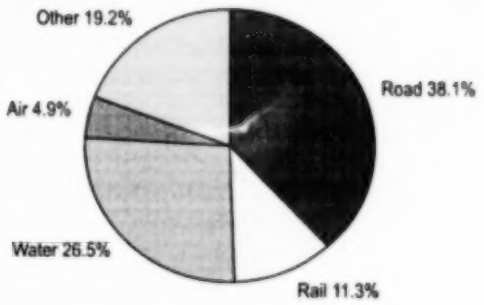


	2000	2004
Residential	505.4	757.4
Industrial	54.0	50.0
Commercial	207.1	259.5
Institutional & Government	111.9	58.9
Total	**878.5**	**1,125.8**

Service Producing Sectors

Transportation

Trade Exports by Mode of Transport - 2004



Air Halifax International Airport, which ranks as the seventh busiest airport in Canada, is the best-equipped airport in Atlantic Canada. Services operating out of the Halifax International Airport offer regular flights to all Canadian destinations as well as international service to Boston, New York (Newark and JFK), Detroit, Bermuda, London and points beyond. Various cargo services are provided, including direct flights to Iceland, points in Europe and Asia (South Korea). Major airports with service connecting to all key Atlantic Canadian destinations are also located in Yarmouth and Sydney. Numerous smaller facilities are located throughout the province to serve private craft and flying clubs.

Rail CN operates the primary inland rail connection linking regional and international shippers to markets throughout Canada and the United States. In addition, CN offers access to an extensive intermodal service through its Halifax Richmond Terminal and service to two container terminals. There are two shortline railways under provincial jurisdiction providing service to regional and local shippers. The Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway (CB&CNS) operates from Sydney to Truro where it interchanges with CN. The Windsor and Hantsport Railway (WHRC) operates between Windsor Junction and New Minas, connecting with CN in Windsor Junction. VIA Rail operates the Ocean, a six-day a week transcontinental passenger rail service, between Halifax and Montreal.

Road There are approximately 23,000 kilometers of highways in Nova Scotia. The TransCanada and 100-series highways are all-weather, mostly controlled-access and high speed system that join with the New Brunswick TransCanada Highway to points in Canada and the United States. Highway 104 includes a section of four lane toll highway. Acadian Lines provides a public bus service seven days a week that links to most major communities within the province. Over 645,000 people have road motor vehicle operator's licences, and total vehicle registration in fiscal 2004 numbered 544,275.

Water Numerous ports dot the coastline of the province. The Port of Halifax is one of the world's finest and most sophisticated deep-water ports and is ideally suited to 21st century sea-going trade and commerce. It offers a 21 metre-deep ice free harbour with easy approaches and two of the most modern container terminals in the world, each with on-dock rail service and the capability to handle the most varied ro-ro and dimensional load cargoes, as well as the largest container ships. Handling about 14 million tonnes of cargo a year, the Port of Halifax is the first westbound and last eastbound port of call on the continent, offering the shortest ocean voyage times for trade across the North Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, into the Suez and around the world. Cruise Ship activity at the Port of Halifax in 2004 was 122 vessels carrying over 212,000 passengers. Car/passenger ferry service connects between Bar Harbor and Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick to Digby, Nova Scotia; and between Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island and Caribou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Trade

Retail Trade ($ Millions)

	2002	2003	2004
New Car Dealers	2,117	2,011	2,098
Gasoline Stations	790	864	1,047
Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores	683	717	705
Home Centres and Hardware Stores	406	502	617
General Merchandise Stores	461	461	487
Clothing Stores	313	319	316
Other	5,070	5,141	5,027
Total Retail Sales	**9,840**	**10,015**	**10,297**
Per Capita($)Nova Scotia	10,530	10,698	10,990

Wholesale Trade ($ Millions)

	2004	% Change 2003-04
Nova Scotia	6,041	(6.2)
Canada	450,301	6.9

International Trade - Nova Scotia Exports by Destination ($ Millions)

	2000	2004
United States	4,255	4,501
Other European Economic Community	296	539
Japan	181	136
United Kingdom	95	117
Other Countries	392	115
Total	**5,219**	**5,859**

Nova Scotia Exports by Major Commodity Groups ($ Millions)

	2000	2004
Fish & Fish Preparations	1,098	1,090
Paper & Paperboard	540	521
Transportation Equipment	328	398
Wood Pulp & Similar Pulp	247	220
Non-Metallic Minerals, Mineral Fuels	940	1,396
Lumber	242	228
Other Commodity Groups	1,824	2,006
Total	**5,219**	**5,859**

Registration of New Companies

	2000-01	2004-05
Total	**10,486**	**8,858**

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	2003(a)	2004(pa)	2005(ri)
Finance & Insurance Industries	371.4	412.7	475.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing Services	329.8	405.6	436.6

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Selected Community, Business & Personal Services

Community, Business & Personal Services - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	2003	2004	2005
Information & Cultural Industries	258.5	212.4	231.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	50.3	42.9	42.5
Educational Service Industries	194.0	199.2	182.3
Health Care & Social Assistance Industries	158.6	155.4	149.2
Accommodation & Food Service Industries	41.1	45.6	50.3

Health Care Professionals

	2002	2003
Physicians	1,990	2,030
Dentists	486	485
Registered Nurses	9,168	9,279
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,339	3,342
Physiotherapists	449	458
Pharmacists	949	1,016

Educational Institutions

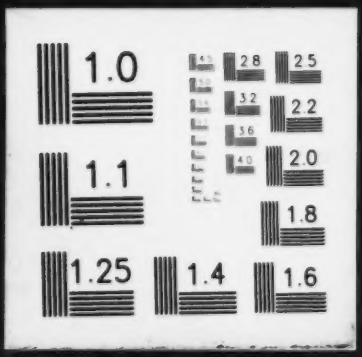
	Number	Enrollment Full-time
Universities (2003)	11	36,128
Post Secondary Colleges (2000-01)	5	7,085
Private & Public Schools, Grades Primary to 12 (2003-04)	442	148,514

Communications (2005)

Daily/Weekly Newspapers	18
TV/Cable Broadcasting Source Stations	9
AM & FM Stations	22
Internet Usage From Any Location (2003)	63.1%

Tourism

Impact		2003	2004
Receipts ('000)		$1,273,000	$1,314,000
People Employed		33,400	33,900
Non-resident Visitors (Jan 1-Dec. 31)			
Mode of Travel	Automobile	1,415,200	1,437,000
	Recreational Vehicle	87,600	79,000
	Motorcoach	73,400	92,000
	Air	567,200	636,000
	Total	**2,143,400**	**2,244,000**
Origin (%)			
Atlantic Canada		54.3	54.8
Other Canada		29.4	28.7
International		16.3	16.5
Receipts by Region ($Millions)			
Annapolis Valley		163	171
Cape Breton		211	220
Halifax-Dartmouth		620	627
Eastern Shore		15	14
Fundy Shore		86	94
Northumberland Shore		76	82
South Shore		102	107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Public Administration

Employment	2000	2004
Federal (including military)	22,592	23,396
Provincial	47,993	46,456
General Government	11,615	11,082
Universities/Colleges	8,877	7,636
Health & Social Services	27,501	27,738
Local (includes School Boards)	26,145	27,195
Government Business Enterprises	6,825	7,011
Total	**103,556**	**104,056**

Geography

The Province of Nova Scotia covers an area of 55,000 sq. km. The mainland part of the Province is connected to New Brunswick and the remainder of Canada by the 28 km. Isthmus of Chignecto. Cape Breton Island is joined to the mainland by the Canso Causeway. Nova Scotia is located at 59° to 67° Longitude and 43° to 48° Latitude. This places Halifax, the capital city, south of Paris, Vienna, Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon. The coastline stretches for 7,400km, but the overall length of the Province is only 575km, while average width is 130km.

Climate

Average daily temperatures at Halifax range from – 4.6° Celsius in January to + 17.5° Celsius in July. Rainfall on an annual basis averages 1,178.1 millimeters.

Sources

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